

Small Group Discussion Questions

Flawed (Week 4): To Be Human Is to Care

John 21:1–19 (NIV)

1. When you hear the question, "What does it mean to be truly human?"

What answers does our culture typically give?

How does Jesus' conversation with Peter offer a different answer?

2. Read John 21:1–14.

Peter arrives carrying the weight of failure, yet Jesus simply invites him, "Come and have breakfast."

What does this tell us about the character of Jesus?

Have you ever experienced God's kindness after a season of failure?

3. John intentionally mentions the charcoal fire (John 18:18; 21:9).

Why do you think Jesus recreates the setting of Peter's denial?

What does this teach us about how God heals painful memories rather than simply asking us to ignore them?

4. Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" (John 21:15–17).

Why do you think Jesus focuses on Peter's love rather than his failure, abilities, or future performance?

What does this reveal about the foundation of Christian discipleship?

5. The sermon suggested that "God's grace doesn't ignore failure—it rewrites the future." Peter's greatest failure did not become his final identity.

How does that truth encourage you personally? Is there an area of your past where you need to receive God's restoring grace?

6. Each time Peter affirms his love for Jesus, Jesus immediately gives him the responsibility to care for others ("Feed my lambs... Take care of my sheep").

Why is loving people inseparable from loving Jesus?

What are some practical ways we can "shepherd" the people God has placed in our lives this week?

7. Our world increasingly values intelligence, efficiency, and productivity.

The sermon argued that AI can imitate compassion but cannot genuinely love.

In what ways can followers of Jesus demonstrate the kind of sacrificial love that no technology can replace?

8. Looking back over this entire series, Peter's life has shown us that to be human is to:

- a. Answer God's call**
- b. Step out courageously**
- c. Confess the truth about Jesus**
- d. Care deeply**

Which of these four has challenged or encouraged you the most?

What is one specific step God may be inviting you to take this week?